



# Southern Sierra Geographic Information Cooperative

## **Evaluation and the Future**

### **SSGIC**

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# First - How We Reached SSGIC?

- TRx - 1997
- Visalia Meeting - 1998
- JFSP - 1999



# Objectives

- Select an optimal management and technical process for interagency landscape scale fuels planning and analysis.
- Compile, collect, and integrate spatial and attribute data based upon ecosystems; generate historic fire regime and fuels information.



# Objectives

- Produce comprehensive analyses and maps.
- Write a multi-year fuels treatment plan based on analyses.
- Assess spatial data and analysis effectiveness including costs.
- Automate and standardize technical procedures and guidelines for value, hazard, and risk.



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# Objectives

- Produce a report describing implementation strategies and GIS framework.
- Conduct a workshop describing project.



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# Project Plan

- Project Management
- Data Development & Management
- Data Information Delivery
- Analysis Methods and Procedures
- Interagency Fuels Planning



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# Your Role

- AFE Conference
- Line Officer's Presentation
- State, Regional, National Presentation(s)



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# Project Evaluation

- Consider it a success.
  - We proved the process could work across boundaries.



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# We discovered barriers throughout the project

- Cut across project management, data development and information delivery, analyses development, and interagency planning.



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# Many of these can be overcome

- We can manage data across boundaries.
- We can conduct cross-boundary analyses.
- We can plan collaboratively.



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Did develop a business model  
which represented each agency's  
activities in support of their  
objectives  
(BusinessGenetics).



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# Agency Objectives

- Appropriate Management of Fires
- Planning and implementing treatments
- Understanding effects of actions
- Providing information on activities
- Developing and maintaining information



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# Developing/maintaining info

- Determining scope and purpose
- Collecting data
- Synthesizing/integrating data
- Updating Information/data
- Managing data



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So we completed SSGIC -  
what are we going to do now?



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# WE ALL DO IT

- The issues in the interagency arena are:
  - Who does the data collection and management?
  - Who pays for it?
  - Who ensures analyses are accomplished?
  - Who does the planning?
  - Who manages it?



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# We hired a program manager, but

- What will be the next phase?
  - Will we continue using information in an interagency setting?
  - Will we continue with the present scope?
  - Will data management be standardized across agencies?



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# These are big questions

- They require input not only from the local level but state, regional, and national levels.
- Involves a commitment of time and money.



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Commitment has to come not  
from info nerds but from  
management.

We're the drivers....



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I think we're ahead of the curve.

Condition class was where we were 3  
years ago.



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One of the biggest issues is where to draw your boundary.

- Involves data and management.
- Involves transportation methods.



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We're going to have to adapt.

- National Fire Plan
- FPAS
- Budgets